

Draft Resolution No: _____

WHEREAS the State of Delaware, Department of Transportation (DelDOT) has responsibility and jurisdiction over the posted speed limit along Delaware Route 1 Highway Corridor; and

WHEREAS the current speed limit along the Delaware Route 1 Highway Corridor is 30 MPH, extending through the Corporate limits of the Town of Dewey Beach in a Southbound direction, beginning at the northern limits of the Town of Dewey Beach and continuing through the Town of Dewey Beach to the southern Corporate Town of Dewey Beach limits; and

WHEREAS the current speed limit along Delaware Route 1 Highway Corridor is 30 MPH, extending through the Corporate limits of the Town of Dewey Beach in a Northbound direction, beginning at the southern limits of the Town of Dewey Beach and continuing through the Town of Dewey Beach to the northern Corporate Town of Dewey Beach limits; and

WHEREAS a review of data from Memorial Day to Labor Day of 2015 through Memorial Day to July 28th, 2021 reveals: 285 total accidents on the Route 1 Highway Corridor in the Town of Dewey Beach, 18 pedestrian/bicyclist accidents, and 26 Personal Injury accidents; and

WHEREAS the primary contributing factors to the 285 accidents included speed, inattentive driving, distraction, careless vehicle operation, driving under the influence, fail to yield right-of-way, following too close, jaywalking, and improper lane change; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Dewey Beach respectfully request that DelDOT reduce the speed limit along the Route 1 Highway Corridor within the Corporate Limits of the Town of Dewey Beach to 25 MPH from Friday of Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day.

ADOPTED on this 13th day of August, A.D., 2021.

Dale Cooke, Mayor